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For : Device and Method for Aligning Sheets

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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 - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
 - iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
 - iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
 - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

3. a) Previously submitted
- ☒ Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on October 6, 2003.
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
 - ☐ Other
- b) Enclosed herewith are:
- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
 - ☐ An amendment
 - ☐ New arguments
 - ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
 - ☒ Other: Copies of the drawings mentioned in the response filed October 6, 2003, as requested in the *Advisory Action* dated October 22, 2003.

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:

☒ Large entity \$770.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$770.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col.2)	(Col.3)	Small Entity			Large Entity	
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. previously paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Add.Fee	Or	Rate	Add.Fee
Total	20	Minus			x\$9=	\$		x\$18=	\$
Indep.	2	Minus			x\$42=	\$		x\$84=	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+\$140=	\$		+\$280=	
					Total Addit.Fee		Or	Total Addit.Fee	

(c) ☒ No additional fee is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension	Large Entity	Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
		Fee:	\$ 110.00

TOTAL FEES DUE

7. The total fees due are:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))	\$770.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$110.00
	Total Fees Due	\$880.00

PAYMENT OF FEES DUE

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:
- ☒ Charge Credit Card the sum of \$880.00
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

- ☒ Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:
- ☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

10. Instructions as to Overpayment

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